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Classified By: DCM ROBERT P. JACKSON FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

11. (C) Outgoing DCM delivered reftel demarche to Ambassador Claude Absa Diallo, the Secretary General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), on July 13. Diallo said Senegal is in complete agreement with our proposal. She indicated that any change in troop levels had to be associated with the launch of the hybrid force. She also said we need to ensure that October 1 does not slip.

12. (C) On July 10, the incoming and outgoing DCMs had called on Ambassador Mankeur Ndiaye, the Director of Cabinet at the MFA. During a wide-ranging conversation, we asked about Senegal's participation in the hybrid operation in Darfur. Ndiaye responded that he expects to see UN involvement lead to an improved environment. When asked if that meant that Senegal would increase its presence from 542 to 842 as planned prior to the deaths of five Senegalese peacekeepers earlier this year, Ndiaye had demurred.  
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